

REMARKS

Claims 18-33 are presently pending in the application. Claim 28 has been amended, claims 19, 23, 26, 29, and 31 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 18, 22, 25, and 30 have been canceled herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 19-21, 23, 24, 26-28, 29, and 31-133 will be pending in the above-identified application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of claims 19-21, 23, 24, 26-28, and 31-33.

Claim 29

Claim 29 was not addressed in the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2003. Claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

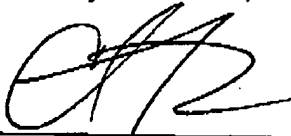
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

As the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, a favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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